

The following matrix appraises the emerging Woolhope NDP Objectives in terms of their SMART criteria and their compatibility with the SEA Objectives. These have been developed from Government guidance on SEA and from the local evidence base gathered for identifying the NDP issues.	
SMART criteria:	
S – Specific: NDP objectives should specify what is intended to be done in detail and should not be open to a wide range of misinterpretations	
M – Measurable: It should be possible to monitor NDP objectives in a quantifiable way, by the use of indicators. Indicators should be measurable with limited resource implications.	
A – Attainable/achievable: NDP objectives should be achievable and deliverable, related to the scale of growth proposed	
R – Realistic: NDP objectives should relate to the overall vision of the plan. Likewise, chosen indicators should relate to objectives and their outcomes.	
T – Time-Bound: Objectives should be specific to the NDP period or another specified time-frame. Objectives should be associated with a target and indicators should specify when the target should be achieved.	

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Stage B1: Assessment outcome			
Very positive: Compatible with sea objective.			
Positive: Compatible with sea objective.			
Conflict: Negative effect/ conflict with sea objective.			
Neutral: Neutral effect on sea objective.			
No relationship between objectives: No link with sea objective.			
Uncertain: Uncertain impact on sea objective, more information needed.			
SEA Objectives: 1-To maintain and enhance nature conservation (biodiversity, flora and fauna) 2- To maintain and enhance the quality of landscapes and townscapes 3- To improve quality of surroundings 4- To conserve and where appropriate enhance the historic environment and culture heritage 5- To improve air quality		6- To reduce the effect of traffic on the environment 7- To reduce contributions to climate change 8- To reduce vulnerability to climate change 9- To improve water quality 10- To provide for sustainable sources of water supply 11- To avoid, reduce and manage flood risk 12- To conserve soil resources and quality 13- To minimise the production of waste	14- To improve health of the population 15- To reduce crime and nuisance 16- To conserve natural and manmade resources

Neighbourhood Plan Policy: WNDP1-Landscape and biodiversity

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Positive	Very Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive				Positive

Summary in relation to baseline

Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This ensure that development will respect the surrounding landscape character and rich biodiversity of Woolhope.

Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations

Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the baseline data, This policy aim is to protect and enhance the landscape and biodiversity in the Neighbourhood Area.

Conformity with Core Strategy

This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

Neighbourhood Plan Policy: WNDP2- Protecting historic assets and settlement character

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Positive	Positive	Positive	Very Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	Positive	Positive				Positive

Summary in relation to baseline

Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This ensures development proposals do not have a detrimental impact on heritage assets, setting, and character of Woolhope.

Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations

Overall the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the baseline data, the policy’s aim is to conserve the historic environment of the Neighbourhood Area. It will safeguard heritage assets and preserve and enhance the appearance of the Woolhope Conservation Area.

Conformity with Core Strategy

This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

Neighbourhood Plan Policy: WNDP3: River Wye Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Very positive	Positive	Positive	No link	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Very positive	Positive	Positive	Positive				Positive

Summary in relation to baseline

Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy sets out criteria for new development, to ensure this would not have a detrimental effect on the River Wye SAC and for development to be nutrient neutral.

Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations

This policy conforms to the Local Plan (Core Strategy). Overall, the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the baseline data, as it sets out protective measures to safeguard the SAC.

Conformity with Core Strategy

This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

Neighbourhood Plan Policy: WND4: New Housing development

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Neutral	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Neutral	Neutral	Positive	Positive				Neutral

Summary in relation to baseline

Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy sets out high quality design criteria for new development, including low carbon technology housing mix and tenure. And live work units.

Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations

This policy conforms to the Local Plan (Core Strategy). Overall, the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the baseline data, as it will promote high quality, sustainable developments that is in keeping with the its surroundings.

Conformity with Core Strategy

This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

Neighbourhood Plan Policy WNDP5: Replacement dwellings in the countryside

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Neutral	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Neutral	Neutral	Positive	Positive				Neutral

Summary in relation to baseline

Overall this policy has mainly a positive and neutral impact on the baseline data. This policy sets out criteria for replacement dwellings in the countryside to ensure it is appropriate and in keeping with the built and natural environment.

Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations

This policy conforms to the Local Plan (Core Strategy). Overall, the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the baseline data, as it will promote high-quality, well-designed replacement dwellings in the countryside that is in keeping with its surroundings.

Conformity with Core Strategy

This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

Neighbourhood Plan Policy WNDP6: Change of use of agricultural buildings to dwellings and holiday use

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Neutral	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Neutral	Neutral	Positive	Positive				Neutral

Summary in relation to baseline

Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This policy sets out criteria for change of use of agricultural buildings to holiday cottages in the countryside to ensure it is appropriate and in keeping with the built and natural environment.

Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations

This policy conforms to the Local Plan (Core Strategy). Overall, the policy is compatible and has a positive impact on the baseline data, as it will promote suitable holiday cottages in the countryside under criteria to ensure there is no conflict with adjacent uses and have a detrimental impact on its surroundings.

Conformity with Core Strategy

This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

Neighbourhood Plan Policy WNDP7: Promoting sustainable transport in new developments

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	Positive	Positive	Neutral	Neutral	No link	No link	Neutral	Neutral				Neutral

Summary in relation to baseline

Overall this policy is compatible with the Core Strategy and has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data promoting sustainable modes of transport and encouraging ev infrastructure and road are design in conformity with national and local guidance.

Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline.

Conformity with Core Strategy

This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

Neighbourhood Plan Policy WNDP8: Protecting existing community facilities and supporting investment in new and improved facilities

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	Neutral	Neutral				Neutral

Summary in relation to baseline

Overall this policy has mainly a positive impact on the baseline data. This lists community facilities in Woolhope to be protected and enhanced. This policy also sets out criteria for new facilities where appropriate.

Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations

Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline. This policy protects existing community facilities and supports the enhancement and development of new community facilities in accordance with the criteria set out.

Conformity with Core Strategy

This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

Neighbourhood Plan Policy WNDP9: New agricultural buildings and polytunnels

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Neutral	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	No link	No link	Neutral	Neutral				Neutral

Summary in relation to baseline

Overall this policy is compatible with the Core Strategy and has mainly a positive and neutral impact on the baseline data. The policy sets out new agricultural buildings and polytunnel criteria to ensure they do not have a detrimental impact on landscape and amenity. Also ensure design included in the schemes are efficient and minimal impact on water courses and ecology. Sets out criteria for developments to support local economy and provide local jobs.

Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations

Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline. The policy has positive criteria to limit the impact new agricultural buildings will have on the natural environment as well as ensuring pollution from this is minimised and that there is sufficient room on the highway network.

Conformity with Core Strategy

This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.

Neighbourhood Plan Policy WNDP10: Tourism and rural diversification

SEA Objectives															
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Neutral	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Positive	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral				Neutral

Summary in relation to baseline

Overall this policy is compatible with the Core Strategy and has mainly a positive and neutral impact on the baseline data. This supports proposals that strengthen tourism and agricultural diversification.

Overall commentary and any initial cumulative effects/ Recommendations Overall this policy meets the SEA baseline. **Conformity with Core Strategy**

This policy meets the Core Strategy requirements for the purposes of the SEA.